public as well as various organisations like Indian Association of Blood Banks etc. for their comments before the final notification is issued.

Presont Position of Secruity Scam Related Cases

1230. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) in how many security scam related cases, chargesheets have been issued and in how many cases investigation is still pending; and

(b) what steps are being considered to expedite investigation in India and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Central Bureau of Investigation have reported that chargesheets have been filed in 33 bank scam related cases and 18 cases are under various stages of investigation.

CBI have also reported that all necessary steps are being taken to expedite investigation in India and abroad including sending team of CBI Officers abroad for expeditious execution of letter Rogatories.

Measures to increase the revenue by Air India

1231. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has taken a series of measures to increase its revenue;

(b) if so, the target set for 1996-97;

(c) whether Air India also proposes to cut staff by half; and

(d) if so, the number of Air India staff going to be retrenched in the process?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) To improve its financial performance, Air India is taking steps to intensify its marketing efforts, augment capacity, expand neetwork of services, reduce non-operating costs and to improve its product, image and on time performance.

(b) The revenue target for 1996-97 is Rs. 4138.80 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Houses Constructed by Clerical Staff Working in State Bank of Indore

1232. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of houses in Durga Park and West Sagarpur, Pankha Road, New Delhi-110 045 constructed by clerical staff working in the Janakpuri Branch of the State Bank of Indore, during January, 1992 to March, 1995;

(b) the approximate advances granted for construction of houses and if no advances were granted then what are the sources of income for construction of the said houses;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Bank officers are shielding them if so, whether Government propose to inquire-into the matter;

(d) if so, by when the enquiries are likely to be completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMABARAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

12.00 NOON

(The Deputy Chairman *in the Chair)*

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Small Industries Development Bank of India, Lucknow and related popers.

II. Report on the working and activities of the Banks.

III. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) and (Department of Economic Affairs)

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (5) of Section 30 of the Small Industries Development Bank of India Act, 1989:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Small Industries Development Bank of India, Lucknow, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Bank. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-809/16)

II. (a) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Reports on the working and activities of the following Banks, for the year 1995-96, under sub-section(8) of Section 10 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980:—

(1) Andhra Bank (Placed in Library. See No. LT-807/96)

(2) Corporation Bank (Placed in Library. See No. LT-808/96)

(3) Punjab and Sind Bank (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-809/96)

II. (b) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Reports on the working and activities of the following Banks, for the year 1995-96, under sub-section (8) of Section 10 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970:—

(1) Allahabad Bank (Placed in Library. See No. LT-802/96)

(2) Punjab and Sind Bank (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-803/96)

(3) Indian Bank (Placed in Library. See No. L'T-804/96)

(4) Indian Overseas Bank (Placed in Library. See No. LT-805/96)

(5) UCO Bank (Placed in Library. See No. LT-806/96)

III. (a) A copy (in, English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification G.S.R. No. 509 (E), dated the 4th Novembver, 1996, publishing the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Second Amendment) Rules, 1996, under Section 77 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-668/96)

III. (b) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), Notification G.S.R. No. 422(E), dated the 13th September , 1996. publishing the Life Insurance Corporation of India (Daily Allowance and Hotel Charges to Employees on Tour) (Amendment) Rules, 1996, under sub-Section (3) of Section 48 of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956 together with an

Explanatory Memorandum thereon. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-796/96)

III. (c) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 406(E), dated the 4th September, 1996 seeking to extend, interwarehousing movement of mineral oil products without payment of duty to and from Sidhpur, Sallwas, Sanganer, Rewari, Bhauli, Sangrur and Bhatinda. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-669/96)

(2) G.S.R. No. 512(E), dated the 5th November, 1996, in respect of Cotton and Cellulasic Spun Yarn subjected to beaming, warping, wrapping, winding or reeling or any one or more of these processes. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-642/96)

III. (d) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) Ad-hoc Exemption Order No. 92, dated the 25th June, 1996 exempting specified equipment for National High Voltage Direct Current (Stage II) Project of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.

(2) Ad-hoc Exemption Order No. 99, dated the 28th June, 1996 exempting Plant & Machinery required for setting up Ammonia Plant Replacement Project by M/s FACT, Udyogmandal, Kerala.

(3) Ad-hoc Exemption Order No. 105, dated the 24th June, 1996 exempting certain equipment for setting up projects of Kerala State Electricity Board.

(4) Ad-hoc Exemption Order No. 112, dated the 28th July, 1996 exempting specified equipment for Jeypore-Gazuwake Project of M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

(5) G.S.R No. 274(E), dated the 10th July, 1996 amending the Notification No. 12/96 Customs dated 11th March, 1996 (Placed in Library, for Sl-No. 1 to 5 See No. LT-667/96)

(6) G.S.R No. 409(E), dated the 10th September, 1996 amending the Notification No. 110/95 Customs dated 5th June, 1995

(7) G.S.R No. 410(E), dated the 10th September, 1996 amending the Notification No. 111/95 Customs dated 5th June, 95

(8) G.S.R No. 411(E), dated the 10th September, 1996 amending the Notification No. 149/5- Customs dated 19th September, 1995.

(9) G.S.R. No. 477(E) dated the 16th October, 1996 seeking to impose Anti-dumping Duty on 8-Hydroxyquinoline (8-HQ) originating from People's Republic of China (Placed in Library, for SI. No. 6 to 9 (See No. LT-640/96)

(i) Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine, N. Delhi and related papers.

(ii) Report and Accounts (1995-96) of various Population Research Centre and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine, New Delhi for the year 1994-95, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-698/96)

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Population Research Centre,-Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, for the year 1995-96.

(b) Review of Government on the working of the above Institute. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-699/96)

(iii) (a) Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Population Research, Centre, Faculty of Science, M.S. University, of Baroda, Vadodara, for the year 1995-96.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above University. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-70(^96)

(iv) (a) Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Punjab University, Chandigarh, for the year 1995-96.

(b) Review by Government on the working of above University. (Placed .in Library. See No. LT-70L-96)

(v) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, (Centre for Resarch in Rural and Industrial Development) Chandigarh, for the year 1995-96, togethger with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above centre, (Placed in Library. See No. LT-712/96)

(vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, ISS Institute of Economic Research, Dharwad, Kamataka, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of above University. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-702/96)

(vii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Population Research Centre, Institute of Econmic Growth, Delhi University, Delhi, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-703/96)